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I am a single father raising two boys. Being a single parent is difficult enough, but as the economic climate and jobs outlook here in Connecticut continues to deteriorate the single households are at a greater risk than ever before. My two sons are soon to start off to college. The tuition costs are rising at an alarming rate and the state revenues are moving in the opposite direction. Tuition rates for Connecticut state schools has just gone up again the increases as always are significant.

HB 6446 is legislation that has a focus on capturing licensing revenue that is slipping through the cracks. This AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS really makes sense.

I wonder just how much revenue has been lost over the years from this inequality in our licensing statutes. How much of a difference could that revenue have made to the State of Connecticut?

I have no doubt that there is an army of corporate big business lobbyists that are trying to convince all of the legislators that this bill is a bad idea. Of course they take that position, why would they want to pay the license fees that they have avoided for so long.

I am sure that if I could legally get around paying all the license fees, college lab fees and permit fees that I pay to my town and to the State of Connecticut I would and I would fight any effort to close up the gaps that allowed me to avoid paying those fees. But I cannot avoid the fees.

Please vote yes for HB 6446 and close this gap in the license regulations. Unless of course the license requirements for the Video Service Provider employees is outdated and no longer needed.

Thank you,

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